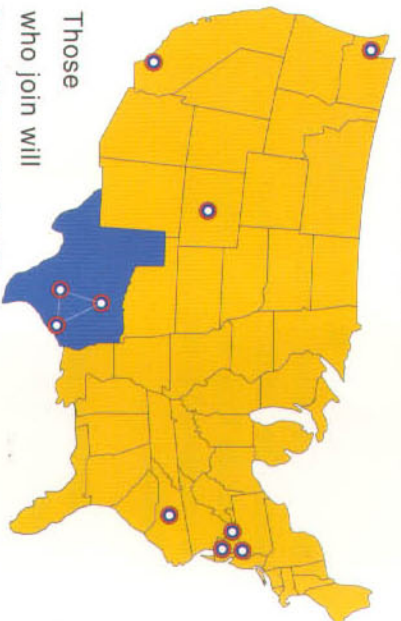


What is the Cancer Genetics Network?

The Cancer Genetics Network is a group of eight prominent cancer centers across the nation selected by the National Cancer Institute to lead the nation in the study of genetics and cancer. These centers and their affiliated clinics are inviting volunteers who have had cancer (or whose family history places them at high risk) to join the network's research efforts.



Those who join will have the opportunity to participate in:

- free educational programs
- surveys to uncover cancer risk factors
- studies to uncover new methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer
- studies that will analyze tissue samples for detailed genetic information

The goal of the Cancer Genetics Network is to help the nation's leading cancer researchers learn more about how genes affect the development of cancer by enrolling thousands of people who may be genetically predisposed to the disease.

To participate in the Cancer Genetics Network, contact

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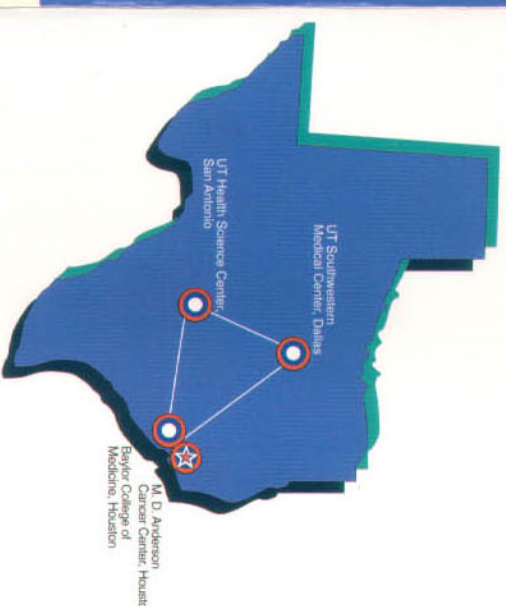
"I want to do my part — it makes me feel good to give something back."



"My family means everything to me. I want to do this for my children."



"If I can help my children stay healthy, then I am happy."



What is the Texas Cancer Genetics Consortium?

The Texas Cancer Genetics Consortium is a research network comprised of:

- Baylor College of Medicine - Houston
- The University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center - Houston (coordinating institution)
- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas

As members of the Texas Cancer Genetics Consortium, they are also members of the nationwide Cancer Genetics Network.

To find out more about genetics and cancer, call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at **1-800-4-CANCER**

Genetics and Cancer



"New discoveries are made every day in the fight against cancer.

Scientists across the United

States are working relentlessly to unlock the mystery of how genes affect cancer development, so

that we will be able to create new ways to prevent, detect and treat the disease. The goal of the

Cancer Genetics Network is to develop an extensive resource of cancer patients, survivors and family members to serve as study

participants. It's just one more

way doctors and patients can

work together towards a

common goal."

*Louise Strong, MD
Principal Investigator*

How You Can Help

If you have had cancer, or you have a history of cancer in your family, you can become an important partner in the battle against cancer. Initially, we will ask you about your health and the health of your family members. Based on your answers, you may be invited to participate in various Cancer Genetics Network projects through one of your local Texas Cancer Genetics Consortium centers.

How Your Family Can Help

We also may need help from your family members. It is not necessary for them to participate; however, the more people who decide to participate, the sooner we can find the answers.

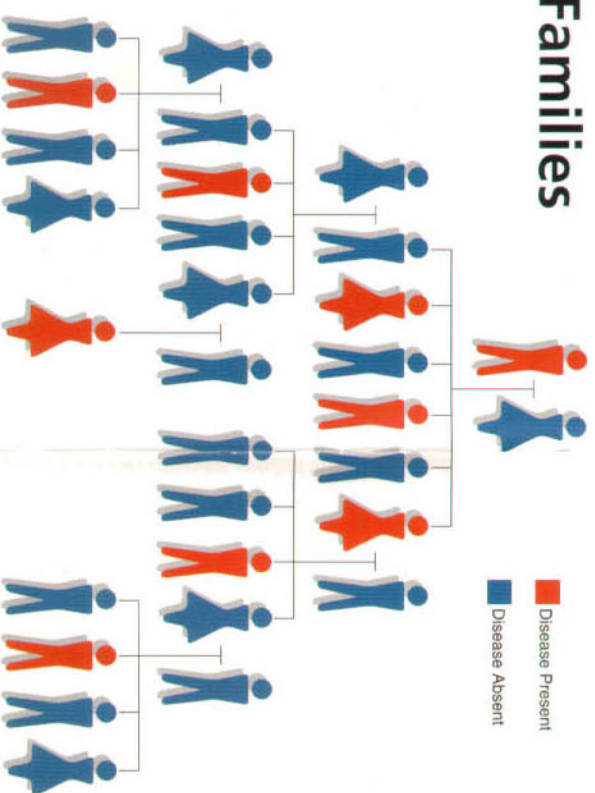
Confidentiality is Important

Keeping your information confidential is crucial to the success of this network and is one of our top priorities. Your identity will never be revealed without your permission. However, some of the information you provide may be shared with other centers through a national network. This will happen only after your name, address, phone number, birthdate and other information that could possibly identify you are removed. Your information will be sent to the national network using only a number, and not your name. You are free to withdraw from the network at any time. If you choose to stop, your information will be destroyed.

No Cost To Participate

There is never a cost to participate in the Cancer Genetics Network, but some activities outside of the network, such as genetic testing and counseling, may require payment.

Searching for Disease in Families



Questions We Hope to Answer



Here are some questions that the Cancer Genetics Network and the Texas Cancer Genetics Consortium hope to answer as they work to shed new light on the relationship between cancer and genetics.

- How common are inherited genetic changes that increase cancer risk?
- To what extent do these changes affect a person's cancer risk?
- Why do some people with genes that make them susceptible to cancer get cancer and others don't? What other factors are important?
- If a person carries a genetic change that increases cancer risk, how does that person's lifestyle affect the cancer risk?
- How can we use our knowledge of genetic causes of cancer to help prevent it?